biology of genads; and to obtain integrated approaches, directives and strategies for comprehensive research and action in sexual and reproductive health through interactive involvement of exports from many related fields.

Monitoring of Plague

80. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in 1989, the Bangalore based Plague Surveillance Unit (PSU, the nodal agency for monitoring the dreaded disease in India has been reporting incidents of seropositivity to the National Institute of Communicable Diseases (NICD);

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) how many rats were subsequently tested seropositive annually during the year 1990. 1991, 1992, 1993 and 1994 and at which places and with what results; and

(d) what remedial measures were taken since then to prevent the outbreak of the epidemic?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Out of 20456 rodent sera samples tested in 1989, 3 were found positive.

(c) and (d) The sero surveillanace of rodents has been continuously undertaken by the Plague Surveillance Unit at NICD at Bangalore and the results were regularly communicated to the NICD, New Delhi and to the State Health Authorities and other implementing agencies for necessary action. The details of rodent sera tested and number of positives detected during the years 1990 to 1993 are as under:—

Year	Rodent sera	No+'ve
1990 . . .	32664	4
1991 . . .	45301	50
1992 .	54626	135
1993 . . .	51649	21

Death of patients in ICU of LNJP Hospital

81. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two patients admitted in the ICU of the Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Naram Hospital died recently due to failure of the oxygen supply;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any inquiry into causes for failure of the oxygen supply to the patients; and

(c) if so, what is the outcome thereof and what action has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Spread of Hepatitis in the Capital

82. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a Press news-item captioned "Hepatitis epidemic feared", as reported in the 'Statesman' of 13th November, 1994;